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LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that 4,410 unexploded munitions, missiles and mines left behind by the 1991 30-Power aggression against Iraq were found and disposed of in all parts of Iraq between 1 and 31 January 1997. The items included American-made cluster bombs as well as spherical bombs, strip bombs and air-dropped containers, and they were found in the following governorates: Baghdad, Ta'mim, Anbar, Diyala, Babil, Wasit, Ninawa, Muthanna, Dhi Qar and Basrah.

The number of unexploded bombs of all types and sizes dropped during the period of the aggression against Iraq in 1991 and rendered harmless by Iraqi civil defence units between 1991 and 1996 was 352,373, broken down as follows: 181,812 in 1991; 38,532 in 1992; 34,484 in 1993; 19,255 in 1994; 54,888 in 1995; and 23,402 in 1996.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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